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For: Interleukin-1 Beta Converting Enzyme Like  
Apoptosis Protease 6

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 11172003), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) Return Receipt Postcard; (c) Exhibit A; (d) Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone; and (e) Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Form PTO/SB/08, and copies of references AM-AQ.

- Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2.
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